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AMENDMENT C

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2006. Applicant extends the time for response by one month and Applicant amends the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper. Applicant amends page 24, line 10-12 of the specification to read – 42 and 42A -- , and also relocate the Abstract.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. Applicant amends claims 36 to 54 because the Examiner properly has noted that “rim” is an element of the wheel assembly in the claim language and accordingly has requested that “rim” be deleted from the phrase “tire rim” in claims 36 - 54 as Applicant has done. In claim 41 the period after “claim 41.” has been deleted and inserted a “,” for grammatical clarity.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on 9 of this paper.

Formal Drawings Replacement page 9 is attached as a separate sheet to this paper.